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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents:  
Washington, DC 20231

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Date: April 25, 2001

Sir:

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:  
**MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING INVOLVING MOVEMENT OF PATIENT'S COUCH**

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

A Japanese language abstract together with  
34 pages of Japanese language specification and claims including  
19 numbered claims and also attached is/are  
16 sheets of accompanying drawings.

This application is based on the following prior foreign application(s):

Application No.	Country	Filing Date
124819/2000	Japan	25 April 2000
125624/2001	Japan	24 April 2001 (not claimed)

respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):

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Certified copy of 124819/2000 foreign application attached.  
 This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed  
 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application is a  continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of application Serial No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
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 Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--  
 Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee.  
 Also attached:  Information Disclosure Statement;  Non-Publication Request;  Other:

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